



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT
FY 2018-2019 Waterways Accessibility for Tennessee Recreation (WATR) Grant Overview

Applications Open: Monday, Dec. 3, 2018

Applications Due by: 4 p.m. CST, Friday, Jan. 25, 2019

FAQ

What marinas qualify for the grant?

Marinas that are not owned by or leased from the State of Tennessee or city/ county municipalities and remits an annual payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) as well as a property tax assessment through the county which the marina is located.

How much can I apply for?

Marinas can apply for up to 1/3 of the PILOT paid to TVA, the Army Corps of Engineers, or the US Forest Service in the prior year. Marinas applying must show proof of the amount paid per the agreement.

Note: Award amount will be determined based on the total number of applications received and total available funds.

What types of projects qualify?

Example: Marketing or infrastructure projects that enhanced the operation of the marina or experience for the visitor.

What projects do not qualify?

Projects that do not enhance the operation of the marina or experience for the visitor to the marina.

What proof is needed for projects? An explanation of how the funds were used to enhance the operation of the marina or experience for the visitor to the marina.

Copies of invoices from vendors and proof of payment either copy of cancelled checks or statement showing invoice of payment.

When will funds be dispersed?

Once contracts are executed. Different from previous years, all invoices and proof of payment is due with applications.

If I do not pay PILOT, am I eligible to apply?

No, this grant program is limited to reimbursement of up to 1/3 of the PILOT paid in prior year.

Do I have to submit a copy of my entire lease with the TVA, Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service?

The entire lease is not required; however the summary page which details the lease term, fee structure, and payment terms is required. Usually this is one of the first pages in the lease packet.

Who should I identify as the main contact for this application?

We suggest the person that will be responsible for managing the project.

Are these funds recurring?

Funds for this program are provided by TDTD through the 2018/19 budget and are not recurring. Applicants will be made aware in Fall of 2018 if this program will continue.

What if I have more questions?

For questions or additional information, please email: Melanie.Beauchamp@tn.gov, 615-571-5232.